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## **WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS APPLAUDS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR ADDING DIVERSITY INQUIRIES TO UTILITY ANNUAL REPORTING**

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Public Service Commission Chair Rebecca Valcq recently announced that the PSC will begin requiring each utility it regulates provide information regarding its diversity policies and metrics as part of the PSC's Annual Reporting requirements. Upon this announcement, Chairwoman of the Wisconsin Legislative Black Caucus (WLBC) Shelia Stubbs released the following statement:

"This is a terrific step on the part of the PSC to require Wisconsin's regulated utilities report information relative to diversity. We have worked closely with PSC Chair Rebecca Valcq and her very capable staff on this important diversity initiative and look forward to collaborating with utilities that are interested in making progress relative to providing opportunities for African American employees and businesses."

"In the wake of the George Floyd murder, there has been a recognition by many corporations of the deep racial inequities in this country and the need to aggressively address long-standing problems of underrepresentation of people of color. The WLBC is focused on working with utilities to ensure that African Americans have full and fair opportunities to serve as board directors, employees and suppliers"

"Further, the Wisconsin Legislative Black Caucus is grateful to Governor Evers for his continued commitment to diversity and inclusion, which cultivated an environment for Chair Valcq to take this action."